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SUMMARY: CHINESE IN LATE EVENING NOV 8 MEETING FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT AMB SCALI BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE IN NEW YORK TO CHINESE THREE POINT PROPOSAL AND TO CONSENSUS STATEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID US-CHINESE CONFRONTATION. PRC OFFERED DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH SHORTER AND MUCH LESS CONTENTIOUS THAN "ROUGH VERSION" OFFERED BY HUANG NOV 7. HUANG URGED IMMEDIATE REPLY. AMB. SCALI'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN USUN -4599. END SUMMARY.

1. AT CHINESE REQUEST FOR URGENT MEETING, AMB SCALI AND MISOFFS MET WITH AMB HUANG, COUNSELOR CHOU AND INTERPRETER KUO AT PRC MISSION 9 PM NOV 8. HUANG'S REQUEST FOR MEETING FOLLOWED LATE AFTERNOON MEETING, AT CHINESE REQUEST, BETWEEN COUNSELOR CHOU AND MISOFF THAYER IN WHICH CHINESE EMPHASIZED TO US (CONTENT OF HUANG-SCALI DISCUSSIONS MUST REMAIN COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH EXCEPTION OF DISCUSSION WITH RESPECTIVE KOREAN ALLIES. US AND ROK MUST TAKE SPECIAL STEPS TO INSURE FOR TIME BEING THAT NO OTHERS ARE INFORMED OF NATURE OF PRC RESPONSE TO HUMMEL PRESENTATION TO HAN; (B) CHINESE HAVING "SOME DIFFICULTY" WITH CO-SPONSORS

AND WHILE THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MEAN CHINESE ARE WITHDRAWING PROPOSAL, HUANG WISHED QUICK AGREEMENT; (C) HUANG WISHED STRESS THAT CHINESE "HAVE GONE LONG WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE DESIRE CONVEYED IN HUMMEL-HAN MEETING. " MISOFF EXPLAINED SECRETARY'S TRAVEL CREATED SPECIAL PROBLEM AND THUS WE HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS AND ARE NOT AUTHORIZED NOW TO NEGOTIATE WITH CHINESE. HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF REPORTING ACCURATELY AND SPEEDILY TO BOTH SECRETARY AND ROK, MISOFF SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF HUANG'S THREE POINT COMPROMISE AND OF RATIONALE BEHIND CONTENTIOUS LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT REQUEST FROM CHOU FOR EXAMPLES OF CONTENTIOUS LANGUAGE, MISOFF GAVE PERSONAL VIEW THAT REFERENCES TO PEACE AGREEMENT AND UN MEMBERSHIP SEEMED CONTENTIOUS.

2. IN TONIGHT'S MEETING WITH SCALI, HUANG REFERRED TO AFTERNOON STAFF LEVEL MEETING. HUANG ASKED IF SCALI SINCE THEN HAD RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM WASHINGTON TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF THREE POINTS. SCALI NOTED THAT WE CONSIDER CHINESE PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTIVE;# HOWEVER, WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. SCALI REMINDED HUANG OF IMPORTANCE SECRETARY PLACES ON RELATIONS WITH PRC AND THAT IT THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR SECRETARY TO ISSUE PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. WE REPORTING TO SECRETARY AT EACH STOP AND HE WOULD BE IN PEKING IN APPROXIMATELY 36 HOURS; SECRETARY HAS OPTION, SCALI SAID, TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO AUTHORIZE USUN TO NEGOTIATE WITH CHINESE IN NEW YORK OR TO WAIT UNTIL HE ARRIVES IN PEKING. HUANG REITERATED HIS DESIRE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY, NOTING THAT IT IMPORTANT TO SPEEDILY CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS AND AVOID MISCHIEF FROM OTHER QUARTERS. HUANG SAID "WE FORMALLY REQUEST THAT AMB SCALI OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE IN NEW YORK. " HE EXPLAINED THAT PRC PROPOSAL DOES NOT INVOLVE ALL KOREA ISSUES BUT MERELY DECIDES THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION NOT BE PUT TO A VOTE AT CURRENT SESSION OF UNGA. HUANG SUGGESTED AMB SCALI ASK SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALLOW AMB SCALI TO NEGOTIATE IN NEW YORK AND NOT WAIT UNTIL SECRETARY GETS TO CHINA. "OTHERWISE, THE POSSIBILITY OF UPSETTING THE AGREEMENT WE DESIRE WOULD NOT REST WITH US." HUANG ADDED THAT "HE VENTURED TO STATE THESE VIEWS OUT OF A DESIRE THAT WE NOT BE INTERRUPTED IN DOING WHAT WE CONFIDENTIAL

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WISH TO DO LEST IT LEAD TO MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES."

3. HUANG ASKED IF WE HAD VIEW ON ROUGH LANGUAGE HE HAD PROPOSED AS CONSENSUS STATEMENT LAST NIGHT. IN CHINESE-LED SCENARIO SIMILAR TO AFTERNOON MTG, WE REPEATED WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT IN REPORTING AND REQUESTING SPEEDY RESPONSE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF CHINESE COULD FURTHER CLARIFY RATIONALE BEHIND HUANG'S LANGUAGE. IF EFFORT BEING MADE TO BE AS NON-CONTENTIOUS AS POSSIBLE, WE WONDERED WHY LANGUAGE INCLUDED DISPUTED REFERENCE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION THAT WOULD INTENSIFY RATHER THAN DECREASE CONFRONTATION. WE ASKED SAME QUESTION ABOUT REFERENCE TO LANGUAGE ON "PEACE AGREEMENT " WHICH ALSO WAS CONTENTIOUS POINT BETWEEN TWO KOREAS. HUANG THEN PRODUCED DRAFT CONSENSUS

STATEMENT (REFTTEL) WHICH MUCH ABBREVIATED FROM ORAL PRESENTATION MADE PREVIOUS NIGHT, INCLUDING BY DELETION OF REFERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP AND "PEACE AGREEMENT. " HUANG NOTED THAT THIS DRAFT SHORTER AND MORE NEUTRAL THAN LAST NIGHTS "ROUGH IDEA" OF WHAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN. HUANG NOTED THAT PRC DRAFT CONTAINED THREE ELEMENTS: FIRST PARA WAS GENERAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE; SECOND PARA STATES AGREEMENT BY TWO SIDES OF KOREA WHICH EACH SIGNED, AND THIRD PARA IS GENERAL HOPE THAT TWO KOREAN PARTIES WILL CONTINUE EXCHANGES AND WIDEN CONTACTS. FINALLY, THE STATEMENT DISSOLVES UNCURK IN NEUTRAL TERMS. IT DOES NOT MENTION UNCURK REPORT SINCE PRC CANNOT AGREE TO MENTION OF REPORT. HOWEVER, LANGUAGE NEITHER DAMNS NOR PRAISES UNCURK, CHINESE NOTED WITH SMILE.

4. HUANG SAID PRC BRIEFED DPRK TODAY OF NOV 7 TALKS. DPRK ENTRUSTED PRC TO CONTINUE EXCHANGE WITH US SIDE. AT LUNCHEON NOV 8 IN HONOR DPRK OBSERVER (HOSTED BY ALGERIANS), CO-SPONSORS FELT STRONGLY THAT DEBATE ON KOREAN QUESTION SHOULD PROCEED UNDER GUIDANCE OF DPRK OBSERVER MISSION. (COMMENT: THUS CHINESE IMPLIED THAT IF CHINESE-PROPOSED COMPROMISE ARRANGED UNDER DPRK UMBRELLA IN NEW YORK OTHER CO-SPONSORS WILL SUPPORT.) PRC WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER CO-SPONSORS AFTER US AND CHINA HAVE ARRIVED AT AN AGREEMENT. HUANG SAID HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFICULTIES IN ARRIVING AT AGREEMENT; ROLE OF US WOULD BE DECISIVE IN CHINESE VIEW ON WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON KOREAN QUESTION. HUANG NOTED THAT OF COURSE US WOULD CONSULT WITH SOUTH KOREAN FRIENDS BUT AGAIN HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EXTREME CONFIDENTIALITY OF TALKS AT THIS STAGE. IF SINCERE DESIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXISTS ON PART OF US, HUANG ADDED, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS IN REACHING PROMPT AGREEMENT.

5. HUANG ASKED IF SCALI COULD INSURE THAT SHOULD AGREEMENT BE REACHED, FRIENDS OF US WOULD NOT CREATE PROBLEMS IN FIRST COMITE WHICH WOULD AFFECT AGREEMENT. SCALI SAID IF HE RECEIVED AUTHORITY NEGOTIATE WITH PRC, HE WOULD DO HIS UTMOST TO INSURE THAT EVERYONE ON OUR SIDE WOULD ABIDE BY AGREEMENT.

6. RESPONDING TO FINAL (ABOUT SIXTH) URGING FOR SPEED, SCALI PROMISED TO INFORM HUANG AT ANY HOUR WHEN INSTRUCTIONS ARRIVED.

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